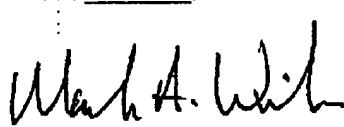


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Invention: INTERLOCKING SONET/SDH NETWORK ARCHITECTURE						
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In response to the Final action dated December 9, 2005, please find the following:

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